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Paid-up Capital	£2,437,500
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III—Life & Annuity Funds	17,867,590
Sinking Fund Account	128,230
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Revenue Fire Branch	£2,381,456
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Revenue Marine Department	337,239
Other Receipts	478,940
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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS

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8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
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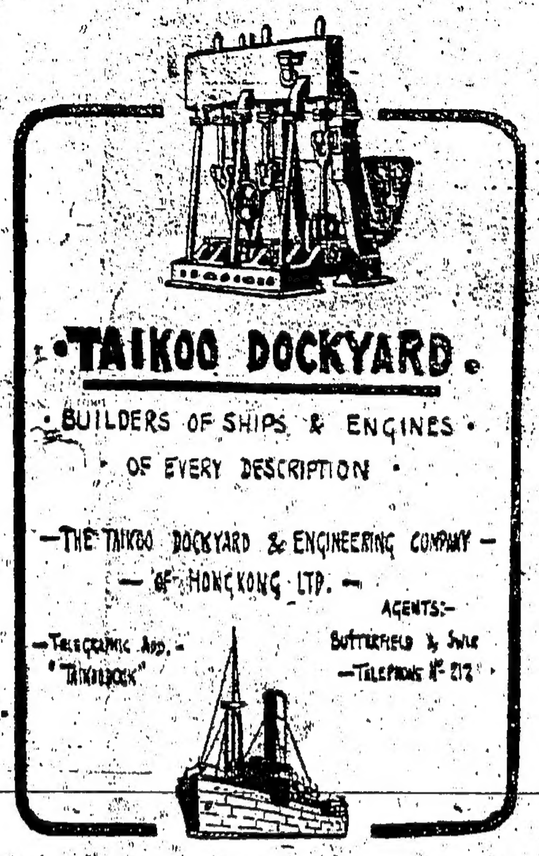

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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE GERMAN FAILURE AT CAMBRAI.

MEN VERSUS SHELLS AND BULLETS.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, in a dispatch this afternoon, describes the remarkable spirit of reassurance and satisfaction prevalent, which contrasts with the feeling expressed yesterday afternoon when the situation looked as if it might become somewhat anxious at some points. Owing to the valour and doggedness of our incomparable troops the crisis is past. This is not to say that the Germans may not continue their great offensive in the West, to which they have committed themselves. It is said that fresh troops are continuously arriving. We only trust that the enemy will make a further bid for the recovery of the recently lost territory at the same price as they paid for the fractions just recovered.

The great battle began in the morning after our patrols had made their rounds. The Germans concealed their attacking troops in a favourable spot. First an infantry assault was launched towards La Vacquerie, practically unheralded by barrage. The field-grey waves advanced in massed formation not attempting concealment. These same reckless tactics were adopted throughout the whole of their attacks. As the first wave melted, so the succeeding wave replaced it. It was simply a question of the expenditure of men versus shells and bullets, and because the Germans were prepared to carry the principle of challenging annihilation far enough they pressed us back a little in a few places. Measured on the map, the ground which the Germans reoccupied is less than one-twelfth the area of the salient we drove into their line on November 19th. The ratio of our losses in that attack to the German casualties in the counter-offensive must be in dozens to hundreds. Undoubtedly some enemy divisions in yesterday's struggle only survive as bare skeleton formations. Our divisions remain intact.

There is a contagious spirit of victory in our army before Cambrai. The Huns have shot their bolt and have failed even to disadvantageously bend our line.

ENEMY FORCING A DECISIVE FIGHT IN OPEN COUNTRY.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

Mr. Philip Gibbs, the *Daily Chronicle's* Correspondent at the Front, describing the battle of Cambrai, says: The enemy seems to be forcing a decisiv fight in open country. Prisoners state that they had been promised peace if they win this battle. The Germans are fighting with most fierce and stubborn courage hence their losses are enormous. The British are equally stubborn. If they yield ground it is only after a butchery of Germans in rearguard actions which will be counted among the bloodiest episodes of the war. The British troops realise the importance of the battle. The wounded with whom I have conversed console themselves by reflecting that the enemy could not break their lines, or, if he did so, he was thrust back by our men. The fighting was stern and grim, fighting to the last when bodies of them were cut off so that other troops might fall back safely. Despite the enemy's gain of ground on Monday, the menace of anything like a big German victory overwhelming our victory of the 20th November seems to have passed. Now there is good reason to believe that whatever strength the Germans decide to bring up it can be resisted in the same way, with doubtless some yielding of ground here and there, but without a collapse which might repay the enemy for his last offensive this year."

GERMAN DREAM ENDED.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Mr. Perry Robinson, another Press Correspondent at Headquarters, says the great German counter-offensive has definitely failed. The enemy gained ground and will probably get more, but he is spending thousands of lives to gain some acres which we captured with the loss of 100 men; but the German dream of smashing through to the base of the salient has ended. The essence of our original victory was that it was won with so few troops and had we lost the whole of the infantry engaged, it would hardly have equalled the German losses since the present battle began. It is to our glory that these few men, in imperfectly consolidated positions, held the weight of the German attacks till the crisis was passed.

THE WORK OF THE AVIATORS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—

Our aeroplanes bombed and machine-gunned villages in enemy occupation on the Cambrai battlefront and also co-operated with the infantry in the local fighting, to the east of Ypres.

Our machines dropped, during the the night, 291 bombs on villages to the west of Cambrai, some of the pilots making three consecutive trips.

Two hostile machines were driven down and two of ours are missing.

"THE USUAL ARTILLERY ACTIVITY."

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Sir Douglas Haig reports the usual reciprocal artillery activity on the battlefronts.

ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

A French communiqué states:—

There were violent artillery actions on the right of the Meuse and the Vosges.

LATER.

A French communiqué states:—

There has been a fairly lively artillery action on the right bank of the Meuse.

We brought down yesterday two German aeroplanes, and forced six others to land in their own lines.

GERMAN REPORTS FROM THREE FRONTS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

A German official message states:—

Enemy attacks southward of Moeuvres broke down.

Negotiations for an armistice are spreading to Rumanian troops.

We drove back strong enemy detachments which reached the western shore of Lake Ochrida and the north east of Lake Doiran.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Silver is steady.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The death is announced of the Earl of Portsmouth.

(Continued on Page 4.)

INTIMATIONS

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES CONSOLIDATION ACT 1908.

In the Matter of NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Seventh and Final return of Capital and Dividend at the rate of Forty Cents (Hongkong Currency) per share will be paid on and after SATURDAY, the 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1917, at NOON to registered holders of A and B Shares upon Application to:—

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In the Matter of THE COMPANIES' CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1908

AND

In the Matter of THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Final General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at the office of the Liquidator, Chartered Bank Building, 3 Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on SATURDAY, 22nd December, 1917, at Noon, precisely, for the purpose of having the account of the Liquidator, showing the manner in which the Winding-up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, laid before such meeting, and of hearing any explanations that may be given by the Liquidator, and to pass his remuneration, and also to pass the following Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

That the Books, Accounts and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidator thereof be retained by the Liquidator, he undertaking to destroy the same at the expiration of five years from the Dissolution of the Company.

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"WE ARE TIRED OF WAR."

FRANK WORDS AT A VIENNA MEETING.

Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, telegraphing on October 8th, says:—

A Vienna telegram says that an imposing peace demonstration by the Christian Social party took place yesterday in Vienna in the banqueting hall of the town hall, at which many thousands of people were present. Busts of the Pope and the Emperor Charles were exhibited on the stage, and the proceedings were opened with a speech by Prince Liechtenstein, who said:—

"We have come together to express our heartfelt thanks to the Pope and the Emperor. We want a peace by agreement, general disarmament, and arbitration, but we also want an honourable peace which will protect us in the future against wanton attacks by wicked neighbours. We offer our hand for an honest peace, but if it is rejected we shall seize the sword, which, as hitherto, with God's help will decide in our favour."

A long speech was delivered by the provincial councillor Kunschak, which was frequently punctuated by loud applause. He said:—

"The yearning for peace is emerging in all countries, despite the antagonism of particular Governments and journalistic hirelings. We are assembled here to declare how warm and glowing is our longing for peace.

"We are tired of the war, but the leading men among the enemy States must be warned against drawing false conclusions from this admission and from thinking our readiness for peace is the result of moral and physical weakness. We are tired of the war, but we are not war weary. We are all ready to support our cares and duties until a happy ending.

"WE DEMAND PEACE."

"If our motives for desiring peace are judged dispassionately, then the path is open to a mutual understanding. We want peace, not at any price, but a peace that will grant us the possibility of noble emulation as free men among free men. We demand peace in the name of Europe, which is sinking to exhaustion while her competitors are waxing fat.

"President Wilson finds that Europe must be democratized, but the appeal for democratization from America is suspicious, as America herself is pretty far from being a real democracy. We know this war must be followed by an arrangement giving more influence to the people in the life of the State, but be cautious."

The speaker then referred to the example of Russia, where the *régime* of an Emperor had been superseded by the bloodiest tyranny, and said that a demagogue as ruler was intolerable. He concluded, amid tremendous and prolonged applause, by praying for a blessing for the exertions of the Pope and Emperor on behalf of peace. He was thanked by Prince Liechtenstein and the burgomaster of Vienna for his brilliant speech.

Numerous telegrams approving the object of the meeting were received from all parts of the monarchy.

MYTH OF LIBERTY IN RUSSIA.

FABLE OF A CABMAN.

The Petrograd correspondent of the "Times" tells the following illuminating story:—

While I was driving in a cab to the Democratic Conference the driver kept on the wrong side of the street for some distance. A militiaman ordered him to take the right side, but the cabman after an exchange of heated argument only changed sides when he found it convenient to do so. Turning to me he said: "The militia are worse than the police. They are always sticking their noses where they are not wanted."

I asked why, as we were now enjoying liberty, he should not drive where and how he liked. The irony was completely lost on the cabman, who answered: "You speak truth. What is the use of liberty if we cannot do what we like?" Was the cabman the exception to the rule? Judging by the numerous motor cars and cabs to be seen in Petrograd in a damaged condition one must say that he was decidedly the rule.

Watching the traffic, one is struck by the haphazard methods in vogue, and wonders why accidents are so few and not so many. Traffic flows on somehow. Numerous passengers arrive at their destination. Loaded carts reach their journey's end. Involuntarily one hopes that Russia herself will eventually attain her goal in a manner all her own, methods full of hazard, surmounting obstacles by not recognizing them as such, coming to temporary grief on the way over minor difficulties, yet "getting there" in the end.

The seemingly trivial incident of the cabman recurred to me over and over again as I sat in the Alexandrine Theatre orchestra, the place reserved for the Press at the Democratic Conference, listening to the speakers thundering a few yards above me at the crowded assembly. Liberty has descended upon Russia, liberty to talk, suggest, and threaten, liberty to push party and personal interests, but liberty to act, to enforce authority, to give the country law and order, is still denied. The Provisional Government is represented by the militia "sticking their noses where they are not wanted." While many wish to keep to the right side, just as many wish to drive their particular theory down the wrong side of the street, irrespective of the inconvenience or of the possible damage to the common interest. My ironic suggestion regarding the meaning of liberty is, unfortunately, too widely accepted

FAMOUS ORIENTAL SCHOLAR DEAD.

The death is announced of Dr. Charles Wells, at Portslade, near Brighton, at the age of 79 years.

Dr. Wells was an Oriental scholar of great distinction, and had been Oriental Translator to the Foreign Office for 25 years. His knowledge of the East—Near, Middle and Far—was surpassed by few, and he was pre-eminent as a Turkish student. He acted as special correspondent to the "Daily Telegraph" in the Schleswig-Holstein War of 1864, and played a prominent part in the Turko-Frontier negotiations (1875) and Turko-Serbian War (1876).

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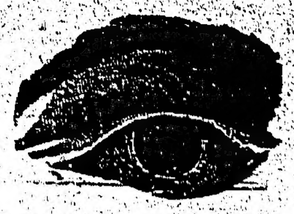

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THURSDAY,

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INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAY.

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Hongkong, Dec. 5, 1917. 2361

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Kowloon, Dec. 5, 1917. 2362

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END OF THE WAR.

AS QUICK AS IT STARTED.

AN AMERICAN VIEW.

Damon Runyon, a New York journalist, writes:—

"I cannot praise too highly the patience and tact shown by Colonel Kuhn in dealing with the Germans."

James W. Gerard, former United States Ambassador, says this in his famous story, "My Four Years in Germany," which is now running in the "New York American."

He is referring to the now Major-General Joseph E. Kuhn, then colonel, a military attaché to the American Embassy in Germany. He had gone to Germany as one of six military observers, all, of course, American Army officers.

General Kuhn is now commandant of Camp Meade, down in Maryland.

He is quoted in despatches from there as saying:—

"Germany is at the end of her physical resources and peace will come as quickly as the great war started."

General Kuhn scouted the prevailing notion that money is the sinew of war. He is quoted as saying:—

"A pile of gold covering the area of this camp and piled as high as you might make it would not whip Germany, and neither would it be possible to choke a single German with a ten dollar note. The American people are all wrong in their idea that it takes money to make war, and that this war will be won by America's gold.

"It is not gold, but muscle, brawn and resources commandeered by the nation making the war that decides the issue.

"Germany has no more gold, but she has a system by which she commandeers the labour of all ages, and none is wasted. She takes her people and sends some to the farms, some to the mines, some to the munition factories and others to all of the other establishments necessary to maintain the kingdom and the military establishment. What is left goes into the army. To make our gold is inconsequential."

"GOLD CANNOT WIN WAR."

General Kuhn called attention to the fact that Great Britain and our other allies in the loans from us did not want gold.

He explained that they did not want a single ounce of it, but they did want to borrow our labour and our resources, and they will pay us back in gold because mankind has found this to be a means of easy exchange for the necessities of life and war.

General Kuhn explained that the belligerent nations of Europe have about 15 per cent. of their population in the military service. They can call upon no more, he said. Thus the balance of power is with the allies through America.

He called attention to the fact that 15 per cent. of our population would be 15,000,000 soldiers. He said that Germany is in a position to furnish 600,000 fresh troops each year from those who reach the military age.

"If her losses are no greater than this," he said, "she can go on with the war as long as her natural resources last and so long as the people will permit it."

He confirmed the reports of shortage of food in Germany, and expressed amazement that they had held out as long as they have. He was asked if he thought it probable that the people would arise and rebel against the Government and the war.

"What will a man do when he gets hungry?" was his reply. He explained, however, that the German people still love their Kaiser and still believe in Hohenzollernism, its teachings and principles.

CHILDREN PUT TO WORK.

General Kuhn was asked to what extent Germany commandeered its man power to prevent waste of labour, and he explained that children of all ages are used in the ordinary walks of life to relieve men. Besides, women, and even the old folks, too, who are not too weak or ill, are made to work. He said that there was no ill-spent labour. He said:

"Each person has an allowance of two pairs of shoes, and when the time comes for him to get a new pair he has to return the old pair. There is no useless travels, no Atlantic City week ends, and when a man wants to go from one point to another on a train he must explain why he wants to go.

"There are no gay white ways, no electric signs advertising cigarettes or women's corsets, as this causes a waste of labour in shipping the coal to make the necessary electricity, extra labour at the plant where the electricity is made, and extra work in every conceivable way.

"And you think that peace will come as quickly as the war started?" he was asked.

"Why not?" he replied.

To return to Mr. Gerard and his story. As Mr. Gerard relates, he had succeeded in getting Germany to agree to the visit of Kuhn and the other observers. When they arrived he presented them at the Foreign Office, and they were taken on trips to the east and west fronts. Mr. Gerard says:—

"They were not allowed to see much, and their request to be attached to a particular unit was refused. Nearly everywhere they were subject to insulting remarks or treatment because of the shipment of munitions of war to the allies from America, and finally, after they had been subjected to deliberate insults at the hands of several German generals, Mackensen particularly distinguishing himself, the United States Government withdrew them from Germany."

Kuhn remained, however, as attaché, succeeding Major Langhorne—"Lord George," they call him in the Army—and it was Kuhn's work as Langhorne's successor that brings the high encomiums from Mr. Gerard. Says the former Ambassador:—

"Speaking German fluently and acting with great tact, he managed for a long time to keep sufficiently in the good graces of the Germans to be allowed to see something of the operations on the various fronts.

"Then came a period in 1916 when he was no longer invited to go on the various excursions made by the foreign military attachés, and finally Major Nicolai, the general intelligence officer of the great General Headquarters, sent for him early in the autumn of 1916 and informed him that he could no longer go to any of the fronts.

RECALLED.

"Colonel Kuhn answered that he was aware of this already. Major Nicolai said that he gave him this information by direct order of General Ludendorff, that General Ludendorf had stated that he did not believe America could do more damage to Germany than she had done if the two countries were actually at war, and that he considered America and Germany virtually were already engaged in hostilities.

"On this being reported to Washington, Colonel Kuhn was naturally recalled."

And then, after paying him the tribute recorded at the opening of this story, Mr. Gerard says this:—

"Although accused in the German papers of being a spy, and otherwise attacked, he (General Kuhn) kept his temper, and observed all that he could for the benefit of his own country. As he had the opportunity to observe the Russo-Japanese war, his experiences at the time, coupled with his experiences in Germany, make him perhaps our greatest American expert in modern war."

All of which is very high praise indeed, but army officers who have "soldiered" with General Kuhn say that it is well deserved. After he came back from Germany he was made a brigadier-general and detailed as president of the War College.

In that capacity he received the confidential reports from the American observers at the various fronts. It is the War College which is supposed to keep our officers, and through them our armies, educated up to all the various phases of warfare, as well as to devise new ways and means of combating the enemy.

As president of the War Office, General Kuhn had to do a lot of the heavy work in planning the mobilisation and equipment of the huge army which is being raised by America.

MADE A MAJOR-GENERAL.

A few months ago General Kuhn was made a major-general, and is now in command of the Seventy-ninth Division of the National Army at Camp Meade.

He is a young man, as army generals go. He is fifty-three years of age. The cry is for young men at the head of the army. Furthermore, President Wilson is known to have a warm appreciation of the work of General Kuhn while he was in Germany.

A general is not regarded as old in the army until he has passed sixty. General Pershing is fifty-seven and is called young.

Like Pershing, General Kuhn is a son of the Middle West. He comes from "Bleeding Kansas," which gave the spectacular "Fighting Fred" Funston to the army back in '98.

Unlike Pershing, and unlike the majority of other army officers, General Kuhn's actual field service seems to have been quite limited. That is to say, service with troops in the field. This may or may not be a disadvantage. An old line army officer remarked of the Plattsburg men who are holding commands in the National Army:—

"One good thing about 'em—they've got nothing to unlearn."

Personally, Kuhn is one of the new army type—polished, urbane and in close touch with the civil as well as the military affairs of the world and of the nation. He makes a good speech. He was the chief speaker at the annual dinner of the alumni of West Point at the Hotel Astor after he came back from Germany.

He declared in that speech that the German people were on the verge of starvation. He said he believed Germany was prepared to entertain terms of peace, and to go a long way to get them.

"Her case is that of the man who has caught a wild cat by the tail," said General Kuhn. "He needs no help to hold on, but would like some to let go."

In speaking of the United States, the General said:

"Unless this great nation of free men wakes up and safeguards it's priceless heritage of liberty and free institutions it must sooner or later pay the penalty of the self-assurance which still confides in the million men who will spring from the earth between sunrise and sunset armed with a squirrel rifle and a Ford automobile.

"There is but one solution of the problem—universal military training—but the solution rests in the hands of the American people."

UNION CHURCH WORK PARTY.

The Ladies' Working Party of Union Church sent last month two cases to the men of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders containing: 144 shirts, 270 handkerchiefs, 56 helmets, 30 caps, 59 mufflers, 48 pairs of knee caps, 56 pairs of mittens, 275 pairs of socks, 24 vests, 2 trench sweaters, 48 towels, several razors and combination knives and forks.

To Local Troops:—98 pairs of socks and 30 shirts.

The following letters have been received:—

(*Translation.*)

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Comité Subdivisionnaire de Marseille
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THE PRESIDENT.

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October 8th, 1917.

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It is difficult by letter to express one's feelings, but I only wish your workers and the many kind friends who are assisting your Society could have seen the satisfaction in which your gift was unpacked and taken to our stock room.—Again thanking you. Yours faithfully,

(Signed) MYRA M. GIBSON,
General Manager for
BEATRICE,
President and Head of Depot.

As a result of the Jumble Sale held on Wednesday, the 21st of November, a draft for £22 has been sent to the National Orphan Homes of Scotland, Bridge of Weir. The Committee wish to thank all those who helped by sending clothing for the sale. Every article was sold and the sale was much appreciated.

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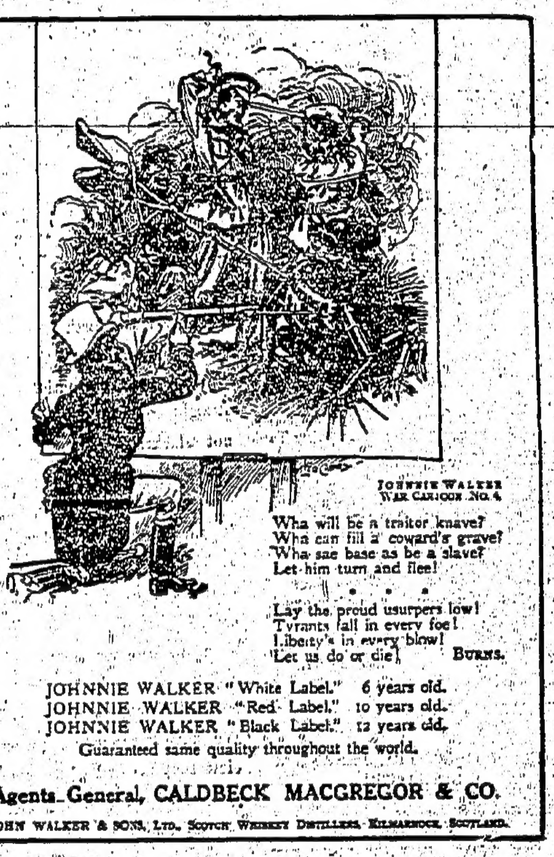

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To-day's Advertisements

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

A CONGREGATION of the University of Hongkong will be held in the Great Hall on WEDNESDAY the 9th January, 1918 at 5.30 P.M. at which the Chancellor of the University, His Excellency The Governor of the Colony, will confer Degrees.

Admission will be by invitation.

Hongkong, Dec. 6, 1917. 2368

NOTICE.

WE beg to announce that we have This Day REMOVED our OFFICE to the 3rd floor of Queen's Building, No. 3, Ice House Street.

VULCAN STEEL PRODUCTS Co. of New York,
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Hongkong, Dec. 6, 1917. 2369

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FRIDAY,

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A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

Comprising:—

Teak Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Dining Table and Chairs, Chesterfield Sofas, Armchairs, &c., Wardrobes and Toilet Tables, Cots, Miscellaneous Furniture, Pictures, Roll-top Desks, Blackwood Ware including Cabinets, Wardrobes, Stands, &c., Brass Fenders and Fire Brasses, a few lots Porcelains and Curios, &c., Pantry and Kitchen Utensils, Electric Lamps, Enamelled Bath, Carpets and Rugs.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 6, 1917. 2366

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "SANTHIA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Kongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by 13th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 12th instant, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within 10 days after arrival of Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.
Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 6, 1917. 2367

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Goods (Dress Materials, Sheets, Linen, Curtains, etc.) at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

2.30 p.m. and 7 p.m.—Bazaar at University in aid of Tientsin Flood Funds.

8 p.m.—"The Merchant of Venice" (in Chinese) at University in aid of Tientsin Flood Funds.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Dec. 8:—
General Holiday.

MONDAY, Dec. 10:—
5.30 p.m.—Recital by Mr. Denman Fuller in Helena May Institute.
9.15 p.m.—Boxing Tournament at City Hall.

TUESDAY, Dec. 11:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Blackwood, Pianos, etc., etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

THURSDAY, Dec. 13:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Jewellery, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SATURDAY, Dec. 15:—
General Holiday.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DEC. 6, 1917.

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

AT a time when events in Russia are likely to encourage doubts as to whether the Allies, with Russia more of an enemy than a friend, can carry the war to final victory the address which President WILSON has just delivered to the United States Congress serves to set the situation in its proper perspective. No one can read President WILSON's utterances on the war and not be convinced that the war can only end in the triumph of the cause for which the Allies are fighting. In this, as in all his speeches, the President goes to the root causes of the war, sets forth clearly and distinctly what must be the objectives, emphasises that the nation must move straight towards definite ends and not slacken, or, suffer themselves to be diverted from the object of winning the war. There is a strength of purpose and a leadership in all President WILSON's war addresses that cannot fail to arrest the attention even of our enemies and to compel them to consider how the definite objectives of the Allies can be conceded without further bloodshed. We have previously expressed the view that the end of the war would be reached before America gets into her full stride, and we see no present reason to alter that view. This impressive reiteration of American purposes in the war, combined with the knowledge which the Germans now possess of the extensive scale of the preparations which America is making for the achievement of those purposes, cannot fail to make their due impression on the war-weary peoples of the Central Powers. The American declaration of war on Austria-Hungary would have been inevitable even if no call arose for American assistance in Italy, for it has been a perfectly obvious fact from the very commencement that Austria is but a vassal of Germany and would render her the fullest support. What measure of help in material or men could be spared from her own frontiers, whether on the Eastern or the Western side, would go to aid Germany. "Let there be no misunderstanding," said the President; "our immediate task is to win the war. Nothing shall turn us aside from it until it is accomplished. Every power and resource we possess, whether of men, money or material is being devoted and will continue to be devoted to that purpose until it is achieved." It is a strong vigorous, well-organised nation of over a hundred million inhabitants that stands behind the President's ringing declaration, and the prospect is one which might well appal the people of the Central Powers who have so long endured and suffered so much at the bidding of their autocratic masters.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Exchange opened this morning a quarter over yesterday's closing rate and remained the same during the day; the rate being 2/11⅞ demand.

Colonel A. R. Adams, who was expected back in Penang last week, has been retained, says the *Straits Echo*, to appear as counsel in a big will case relating to an estate worth about $5,000,000.

A reader asks "How may prisoners do the Germans claim to have taken in their counter-attack—6,000 or 4,000? The telegram in the *China Mail* said 6,000. My morning paper says 4,000." The cable says "six thousand".

The body of a Chinese man, aged about 32, was sent to the Public Mortuary yesterday. The body was found hanging from the branch of a tree on the hillside near the University Recreation Grounds. The circumstances pointed to suicide.

The Mother Superior of the Italian Convent desires to thank Mme. A. Galluzzi, mother of the Italian Consul for declaring the Bazaar opened and for her patronage; also the numerous patrons and friends who helped so materially towards its success—Italian, English, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese and Parsee. In particular she would like to mention the Editors of English and Chinese daily newspapers, Mons. D. Pozzoni, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, Lady Chater, Mr. J. D. Stephens, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza, Consul for Portugal, Messrs Sincere & Co. for generous donations, Miss V. Razavet for the gift of a splendid doll and Mr P. X. Kwok for the active work he did to make the Bazaar a success. The Superioress is thankful also to Rear Admiral Anstruther, C.B., C.M.G., for the loan of flags and bunting and the President of St. Joseph's Congregation and Professor Vassallo for their excellent Band.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A cable has been received in Manila stating that Bishop Brent has definitely decided to accept the bishopric of Buffalo upon the completion of his duties with the Y.M.C.A. in France.

Mr. Colin Rees Davies, a brother of Sir William Rees Davies, has just been appointed Chief Justice of Bermuda. He has, for several years, held the appointment of Solicitor General of British Guiana.

We are requested to mention that in a paragraph referring to the will of the late Mrs. Edwards, which appeared under this heading yesterday, Mrs. Bowley's name was used without her knowledge or consent.

MACAO'S OPIUM MONOPOLY.

TO COST OVER 33 MILLIONS.

Bids for the Opium Farm at Macao were opened yesterday and the highest bid offered was accepted. This figure was $6,676,000 per annum for five years, starting from next September, or $33,380,000 in all.

There were 19 tenders and the lowest was $2,434,000.

The successful bidders are the Tai Seng Co.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

A grand Boxing Tournament is to be held on Monday night next at the Theatre Royal under the auspices of the Hongkong Police Reserve. Particulars of the contests and names of the contestants will be found in an advertisement in another column.

The 'Show' promises to be one of the best ever brought off in the Colony and will be patronised by H. E. Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G, H. E. Major-General Ventris, Commodore H. G. G. Sandeman, H. H. Sir William Rees Davies and H.H. Mr. Justice Gompertz.

The proceeds will go to aid War Charities.

Cambridge University's war list contains 14,600 names, while the number killed exceeds 2,000, and the distinctions won include 8 V.C's, 214 D.S.O's, 803 M.C.'s, and 18 D.S.C.'s.

A GERM DESTROYER.

THERE is no danger whatever from lock jaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemist and Storekeepers.

PEACE IN CHINA BY FIGHTING.

50,000 TROOPS TO BE SENT SOUTH.

["*Chinese Mail*" *Service.*]

PEKING, Dec. 5.

Wong Shi Chen expresses his desire to resign the Premiership. This is probably due to a disagreement over his policy towards the South. He telegraphed to General Luk Wing Ting and Shum Chun Hun declaring in favour of peace.

The Tientsin Conference has decided on sending 50,000 troops, of which Chihli and Shantung will send 10,000 each, Fentien, 20,000, and Shansi 5,000 each.

The President has telegraphed to various Tuchuns explaining that only a continuance of the fighting could bring about peace.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY UNION BAZAAR.

The Grand Bazaar and entertainments, in aid of the victims of the Tientsin floods, organised by the Hongkong University Union, was opened this afternoon.

The Hall of the University, which had been turned into a temporary theatre for the occasion, was filled with visitors and the students themselves. Amongst those present were Sir Charles Eliot, Principal of the University, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lander, Mr. Ponsonby Fane and the Rev. T. W. Pearce.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government opened the Bazaar

Mr. Ma Tsung Cheung, the Chairman of the Bazaar Committee, introduced His Excellency saying that they were all very grateful to His Excellency for being there to open the Bazaar.

His Excellency expressed his pleasure at being present and said he thought the Bazaar had been very creditably organised at such short notice. The credit for initiating the affair was primarily due to Mr. Tay Tan Tin, one of the students of the University, who had written a letter to the Council of the Hongkong University Union, making the suggestion that money for the relief of the sufferers from the floods should be raised. Continuing, His Excellency said that he noticed that the words used by him at a meeting of the Legislative Council when moving a resolution, a few days ago, were quoted, but when he made those remarks he had very little to go upon Since then more definite information had come to hand, owing to an expedition made by some missionaries to the flooded areas. They were asked to report whether there was sufficient grain left from the last harvest to feed the sufferers provided the money was forthcoming to purchase it. The Rev Mr. Frame had written a letter in reply to the *Peking Daily News* stating that there was sufficient grain to feed the destitute people, provided money was to hand for its purchase transportation and such like. What was therefore wanted, was money. His Excellency closed his remarks by stating that he hoped the sum realised by the Bazaar would be a very large one and would go at once to the relief of the millions of sufferers. (Cheers).

His Excellency then proceeded to visit the various side shows, exhibits and stalls, of which latter there were twelve, all organised and run by Chinese ladies, it being practically the first time Chinese ladies had done anything of the kind. By kind permission of Lt.-Col John Ward and the Officers, the band of the Middlesex Regiment rendered selections and other attractions were a concert in the Great Hall, in addition to to-night's Concert.

The entertainment will be continued this evening and to-morrow as advertised, and a large gathering is expected.

We are specially asked to state that the thanks of the Bazaar Committee are due to Messrs Pathé Freres for the loan of cinematograph lantern and films.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A Chinese contractor has reported to the Police that at 12.30 p.m. yesterday while on his way from Tytam Tuk to Shaukiwan near the Saiwan Gap two men, whom he could identify, approached him from behind, seized him and assaulted him on the head and face. He struggled and fell a few yards down the hill side. The robbers then attempted to rifle his pockets. He blew a police whistle and fired a shot with his revolver wounding one of the robbers. They snatched the revolver from him and disappeared up the hill.

In connection with this affair, a Chinese was sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound. This man was found concealed under some shrubs near the Saiwan Filter Beds, and it is thought that the man was concerned in the attack on the contractor.

SUMMARY COURT.

A GUNNY BAG CONTRACT.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, before Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, Fook Chan claimed from the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., the sum of $975 as damages for breach of a contract dated December 16th, whereby the defendants sold to the plaintiff 100 bales of gunny bags. The defendants, on October 30 failed to make delivery of the bags after having given plaintiff arrival notice in respect thereof. The particulars of the claim are:—Contract price of 65 bales of gunny bags, or 26,000 bags, at $31 per 100 bags, $8,060; the market price of gunny bags on October 30 being $34,75 per 100 bags = $9,035—difference in price, $975.

Mr. F. Mattingly, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the defendants.

Plaintiff, in the witness box, said that his firm did a large business in gunny bags. The contract in question was entered into on December 16. He went to the defendants on October 20, with a delivery order for 20 bales. He offered them a price. He paid $2,480, but later they returned the money saying they could not make delivery of any bales. He did not want to take delivery of all the bales at that time.

Mr. Davidson hereupon said that he must take formal objection to the evidence. The alleged breach took place on October 30th not October 20th.

Mr. Mattingly said that the defendants did not give any formal notice to the effect that they considered the contract cancelled because his client did not take delivery of the goods earlier. Mr. Davidson reiterated his objection. Mr. Mattingly said that he proposed to prove to his Lordship that the defendants renounced at first the contract, then consented to abide by it and finally committed the breach.

His Lordship noted the objection. Further questioned by Mr. Mattingly, plaintiff said that he did not consider the delay in taking delivery would nullify the contract. In all his experience he had never known such delay to render a contract void.

Mr. Davidson objected to the evidence saying that it was for the Court to decide whether the delay rendered the contract broken.

Mr. Mattingly submitted that he was entitled to ask his client's opinion as to the recognised dealings in the gunny bag trade. His client was an expert on the customs of the trade.

His Lordship also noted this objection.

Witness then stated that he went in company with Mr. Mattingly and demanded delivery of the goods, tendering the full price. This demand was refused.

Mr. Davidson again took objection to the evidence. He said he was there to defend an action for breach of contract on October 30th. It was not fair that he should be asked to defend an action in connection with a breach of contract on October 20th.

Mr. Mattingly said that he proposed to put in letters that would show that the defendants kept the matter hanging about until October 30th. The defendants did not, right up to October 30th, express their willingness to make delivery of any goods.

Mr. Davidson said he would cross-examine the witness, subject to his objections.

Addressing witness, Mr. Davidson said that on the contract it was stated that delivery would have to be taken within three months of the notice of arrival of the goods.

Witness said that it was not his custom to make any arrangements as to the date on which he would take delivery of goods. He admitted that defendants asked him what contract he referred to when he presented his delivery order for signature. He took it for granted that defendants would know that his order referred to the particular contract now being dealt with. He had also instituted proceedings in connection with another contract of the same nature.

Mr. Davidson explained to his Lordship that there were two or three lots of gunny bags concerned, all of which were overdue. His clients were under no obligation to deliver some of them; on the other hand, they were under obligation to make delivery of others and they wanted to know to which lot the plaintiff referred.

After further cross-examining the witness, Mr. Davidson said the point was that the plaintiff said he wanted gunny bags and the defendants' position was that there were several lots of bags, delivery of which was very much overdue and under which there was no obligation to make delivery. They wanted the plaintiff to state definitely under which contract he was asking for delivery.

After hearing further evidence his Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff with costs.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the largest selling cough medicine in the world to-day because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It stops coughs and colds speedily and effectually. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE MAGISTRACY.

THEFT FROM THE DAIRY FARM.

Two Chinese, a man and a boy, were charged with the larceny of a quantity of iron bars and hoops from the Dairy Farm Co., at Pokfulum.

Mr. T. Oliphant, assistant manager of the Dairy Farm at Pokfulum, prosecuted. He stated that a few days ago, they had occasion to engage about a dozen coolies, who, under the supervision of the foreman, were instructed to sort out iron of value from that which was worthless. Witness was at that time away from the farm and when he returned he saw a hawker carrying some pieces of iron which he recognised as a part of the metal work taken down from a cow-shed. He brought the hawker to the Dairy Farm and the latter pointed out the defendants as having sold the iron to him.

Defendants pleaded not guilty, stating that the iron was taken from refuse heaps.

His Worships did not believe their story and sentenced the man to one month's hard labour and four hours' stocks, and the boy to ten strokes of the cane.

AN OPIUM WRAPPER CASE.

A licensed opium seller at Tai O was charged with unlawfully possessing certain labels and wrappers used by the Superintendent of Import and Export, in connexion with Government opium.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence.

Sergeant Glendinning told His Worship that Mr. Tratman had instructed him to apply for a remand. His Worship granted the application, and prisoner was remanded until next Thursday, bail being allowed at $5,000.

AN OPIUM CASE.

In Mr. Dyer Ball's Court this morning a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of twenty taels of opium not Government opium.

Inspector Lanigan stated that the opium was found concealed in a double-bottomed box defendant was carrying in Connaught Road this morning. He could not say whether the opium was Government opium or not, as he had not yet received the analyst's certificate.

Defendant stated that the opium was Government opium. It had been given him by a friend as a present to his father.

His Worship adjourned the case, fixing bail at $2,000.

THEFT OF PIPING FROM A PUBLIC FOOT PATH.

An unemployed Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning, with the larceny of 60 lbs. of rain water piping from a public foot path in Nathan Road.

Defendant pleaded not guilty stating he bought the stuff from a man.

Sergt. Tulloch applied for a remand in order that defendant may be allowed to find the man who sold him the piping.

The application was granted.

THEFT AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Mr. Isaac Day, of the Hongkong University, charged a Chinese with the larceny of a Japanese dagger and sheath valued at $2.

Defendant pleaded guilty. He stated he saw the dagger in the drawer and could not resist the temptation of appropriating it.

His Worship thought the case was one of aggravated larceny and sentenced the defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

THE ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN FUND.

FURTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS TO DATE.

The following list is given in *Church Notes*:—

Amount acknowledged in September	$5,034.82
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak	250.00
Messrs. Paterson & Co.	100.00
Mrs. Stedman	50.00
Mrs. Tutcher	30.00
Anonymous	30.00
Mr. P. L. Knight	25.00
Mr. T. L. Perkins	20.00
Mr. J. J. Bryan	10.00
	$5,549.82

The sudden change from damp to extreme dryness within the space of a few hours had a disastrous effect on the only section of the Cathedral organ at present available on a recent Sunday morning, so much so that during service the instrument became unplayable owing to a roller board springing, and had to be dispensed with until Mr. Denman Fuller was able to effect a temporary but difficult repair. Until the organ is finished such accidents are likely to occur. The sudden changes also caused the table of a soundboard which had just been completed to split from end to end and necessitated its coming to pieces again in order to repair the trouble; this has considerably delayed matters but otherwise the work is progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Bickett's skill and patience have been sorely tried by the sudden atmospheric changes at a critical stage of the work in hand.—*Church Notes.*

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

STRENGTH.

Pte. W. J. W. Johnston was enrolled on 19.11.17 and posted to "A" Company, No. 4 Platoon.

Pte. J. Kellnor was enrolled on and posted to "A" Company Platoon.

APPOINTMENT.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. Ewart Benjamin George Souter to the temporary rank of Lieutenant in the Hongkong Defence Corps, with effect from the 14.11.17. Lieutenant E. B. G. Souter is posted to the Machine Gun Company.

CAMP.

All ranks are reminded that 8 days (4 days for men between 45 and 50 years of age) training in Camp is compulsory unless exemption has been obtained. Anyone who fails to attend as required renders himself liable to punishment.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

The Administrative Commandant is pleased to make the following appointments and promotions:—

"D" COMPANY.

(No 9 Platoon.)

Sergt. W. Budge to be Platoon Sergeant dated 6. 12. 17.

Corporal B. W. Grey to be Lance-Sergeant dated 6. 12. 17.

Lce. Corpl. A. Lambdon to be Corporal dated 6. 12. 17.

Private W. F. Fincher to be Lance Corporal dated 3. 12. 17.

Private W. Logan to be Lance Corporal dated 4. 12. 17.

Private T. Neave to be Lance Corporal dated 5. 12. 17.

Private T. Petrie to be Lance Corporal 6. 12. 17.

TRANSFERS.

Pte. J. J. Harrington, "B" Company, is transferred to "D" Company, dated 6th December, 1917.

Pte. F. Travers, "A" Company, is transferred to "D" Company, dated 6.12.17.

LEAVE.

2nd Lieut. T. H. Matthewman, Engineer Company, is granted 2 weeks' leave, from 28th December, 1917.

Pte. W. Sinclair, "B" Company, is granted 10 weeks' leave from 11.12.17.

2nd Corpl. E. J. Surman, Engineer Company, is granted 1 month's leave, from 5th December, 1917.

COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Court of Enquiry composed as under will assemble at such time and place as the president may direct, to enquire into the circumstances under which Pte. H. E. Muriel's equipment suffered damage.

President, Captain G. G. Wood.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. H. W. B. Kennett.
2nd Lieut. R. Sutherland.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, R.D. At Belchers Battery.

PARADES.

MONDAY, 10th December:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company, D.R.F. Class only.
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company, D.R.F. Class only.

TUESDAY, 11th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company, Full parade.
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company, Full parade.

THUSDAY, 13th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company (Gun numbers other than specialists).
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company (Gun numbers other than specialists).

FRIDAY, 14th instant:—
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.
5.15 p.m.—Left Half Company Layers' and Setters' Class only.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

7th to 14th instant.

E. L. Manning nightly at Belchers and and Lyeemun. Parades as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.

Engine drivers at 5.15 p.m.
Electricians at 2.30 p.m.

OFFICERS NEXT FOR DUTY.

Belchers, 2nd Lieut. Matthewman.
Lyeemun, " Templeton.
Stonecutters, 2nd Lieut. Brown.

PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.

Classes for highly ratinged at Belchers at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, under Staff Sergts. Ovenden, and Parsons, R.E. Corporal Day and 2nd Corporal Norris, H.K.D.C.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

PARADES.

(For members of the Corps not in Camp on the dates mentioned.)

TUESDAY, 11th instant.—
4.30 p.m. "A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 8, at King's Park Range. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

WEDNESDAY 12th instant:—
4.30 p.m. "A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, Annual Musketry Course, Part 2 Practices 8 and 9, at King's Park Range. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

RECRUITS.

(Those not attending Camp only.)

MONDAY, 10th instant:—
5.15 p.m. All units, except "D" Company, at Headquarters, under C. S. M. Witchell, Sergt. Oxberry, and Corporal Grimes. Dress, Drill order.
5.15 p.m. Quarry Bay residents, at Taikoo Dock.

"D" Company.

MONDAY, 10th instant:—
5.15 p.m. No 1 Section, at Headquarters under C. S. M. Cooke and Lance Sergt. Meade.
Musketry instruction, Dress, Drill order with pouches.

WEDNESDAY, 12th instant:—
5.15 p.m. New members (joined since 1.9.17) at Headquarters, under C.S.M. Cooke and Lce Sergt. Meade.
5.15 p.m. Quarry Bay residents at Taikoo Dock.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. Beard, J.E.W.

MONDAY, 10th instant:—
5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 & 2 Sections at Headquarters.
5.30 p.m. Buck at Headquarters.

WEDNESDAY, 12th instant:—
5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Yaumati Football Ground.
6.30 p.m. Buglers at Yaumati Football Ground.
6.30 p.m. Gymnastics at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

TELEGRAMS.

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RUSSIA.

PEASANTS DEMAND THE LAND.

A DEMAND FOR THE SPOLIATION OF LARGE FARMERS.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

A wireless message from Petrograd states that the All-Russian Peasants' Deputies have passed a resolution declaring that "the dilatory action of Kerensky's bourgeois Government regarding the distribution of the land was criminal," and demanding that all land of any agricultural value together with live-stock, farm buildings and implements belonging to farmers who are not sole workers be forthwith transferred to Land Committees to distribute among the peasants.

GENERAL TROTZKY'S REMONSTRANCE TO ALLIES' DIPLOMATS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The *Times* Petrograd Correspondent, telegraphing on November 30, states that in consequence of the protests of the French and American Attachés at Headquarters against a separate armistice, General Trotzky has addressed a remonstrance to the Allied Diplomats declaring that he cannot allow the military agents of the Diplomats to interfere in the internal affairs of Russia or to endeavour to re-kindle the civil war, and concluded by stating that a "repetition of such acts would provoke the gravest complications.

ONLY AN ARMISTICE TO BE CONSIDERED.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The *Daily Mail* Petrograd Correspondent, telegraphing on December 4, states that the armistice delegations met at Vilna yesterday. It was decided to consider the question only of an armistice and to leave the peace discussions to an European Conference.

THE DESIRE FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The *Daily Chronicle* Petrograd Correspondent states that most of the Russian delegates negotiating the armistice are civilians. If *pourparlers* break down, it is improbable that the bulk of the Russian army can be restored to fighting condition, for whatever the Bolshevik authority may be, it is indisputable that the masses of the people ardently desire peace.

GENERAL KORNILOFF'S ESCAPE.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

General Korniloff escaped with 400 Caucasian troops from Bykhoff, and reached Orsha yesterday morning.

[Orsha is a town situated on the Dneiper, in the province of Mogilev.]

THE LATE GENERAL DUKHONIN.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Reuter's Petrograd Correspondent states that General Dukhonin declined to leave Headquarters, although he was given an opportunity to do so.

Four shock Maximalists battalions have been sent to Kieff.

EX-MINISTERS IN FLIGHT.

The ex-Ministers who signed the manifesto, issued last Friday, were ordered to be interned in Kronstadt, but they have fled.

THE RUMANIAN FRONT.

ATTEMPTS AT FRATERNISATION STOPPED.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

A Rumanian communiqué states that the Russian artillery prevented attempts at fraternisation.

We stopped German officers carrying manifestos and proclamations.

WHOOPING COUGH.

WHEN your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and as it contains no narcotic or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

AMERICA'S WAR AIMS.

STIRRING ADDRESS TO CONGRESS.

WHEN THE WAR WILL BE CONSIDERED AS WON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.

President Wilson, addressing Congress, said he would ask Congress to consider again, and with very grave scrutiny, the war objectives and the measures by which they meant to attain them. The purpose of discussion in Congress was action, which must move straight towards definite end. They would not slacken and would not suffer themselves to be diverted from the object of winning the war, but it was worth while asking and answering the question:—"When would they consider the war won?" As a nation they were united in spirit and intentions. He paid little heed to those who told him otherwise. After severely trounching the anti-war sections and the pacifists, the President proceeded to state the reasons for which the war was waging, and the part the United States meant to play in the settlement of its searching issues.

PEACE BY OVERCOMING EVIL.

The American people, he said, desired peace by the overcoming of evil—by the defeat, once and for all, of the sinister forces rendering peace impossible. They were impatient with those who desired peace by any sort of compromise. He declared that the intolerable thing, of which Germany had shown them the ugly face—this menace of combined intrigue and force which they now saw so clearly, as the German power—a thing without conscience, without honour and incapable of a covenanted peace—must be crushed, and if it be not utterly brought to an end, at least it must be shut out from the friendly intercourse of nations. He further declared that when the time came that peace could be discussed—when the German people had spokesmen whose word could be believed, and those spokesmen were ready to accept the common judgment of the nations regarding what would henceforth be the bases of the law and the covenant of the life of the world—then the United States would be willing and glad to pay the full price for peace ungrudgingly. That price would be full and impartial justice at every point and to every nation. That final settlement must affect our enemies as well as our friends.

A CRUDE AND MISLEADING FORMULA.

President Wilson next referred to what he described as the crude formula of "no annexation, no contributions and no punitive indemnities," which, he asserted, the masters of German intrigue had diligently used to lead the people of Russia astray, and also the people of every other country where their agents could reach, in order that a premature peace might be concluded before autocracy was taught its final and convincing lesson and the people of world were put into control of their own destinies. Continuing, the President said: "Let there be no misunderstanding; our present and immediate task is to win the war, and nothing shall turn us aside from that until it is accomplished. Every power and resource we possess, whether men, money or materials, is being devoted and will continue to be devoted to that purpose, until it is achieved. Those who desired to bring about peace before then, I counsel to carry their advice elsewhere. We will not entertain it. We will regard the war as won only when the Germans, through properly accredited representatives, say they are ready to agree to a settlement based upon justice and reparation for the wrongs committed by their rulers. They have done wrong to Belgium which must be repaired. They have established their power over other lands and peoples, other than their own—over Austria-Hungary and the hitherto free Balkan States and Turkey, and within Asia, which must be relinquished. Germany secured, by the peace of the world, a real empire of trade and influence, and then sought to establish a military and political domination by arms whereby she might oust, where she could not excel, her most feared and hated rivals. We must remedy that wrong.

In view of what she has done and purposed the path of the United States is plain. It is a path of honour, of duty, of service as well as of interest. We cannot choose the ease and selfishness of those who sit by and look on. The interests of all we have sworn to defend notwithstanding. We shall fight for the things we have always carried our hearts for, for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right by such a concert of free peoples as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free. To such a task we can devote our lives and our fortunes, everything that we are and everything that we have, with the pride of those who know that the day comes when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace which she cherishes. God helps us, we can do no other.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH GERMANY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

President Wilson emphasised that no interference with the German Empire's internal affairs was intended, but he contended that the German people were being deceived into the belief that they were fighting a war of desperate self-defence. "We are, in fact, fighting for their emancipation from fear. If the German people continue to be obliged to live under their present masters after the war, it might be impossible to admit them to the partnership of nations which must henceforth guarantee the world's peace, or to admit them to free economic intercourse which must inevitably spring out from their partnerships of real peace. There would be no aggression in that which was inevitable because of distrust.

NO COVENANTS OF SELFISHNESS AND COMPROMISE.

"The very deep wrongs committed in this war will have to be righted. That is a matter of course. But they cannot and must not be righted by the commission of similar wrongs against Germany and her allies. The world will not permit of the commission similar wrongs as a means of reparation and settlement. Statesmen must by this have learned that the opinion of the world is everywhere wide-awake and fully comprehends the issues involved. No representative of any self-governed nation will dare to disregard it by attempting any such covenants of selfishness and compromise as were entered into at the Congress of Vienna. The thought of plain people here and everywhere throughout the world, the people who enjoy no privilege and have very unsophisticated standards of right and wrong is the air all governments must henceforth breathe if they would live. The German rulers have been able to upset the peace of the world only because the German people have not been permitted under their tutelage to share the comradeship of other peoples of the world, either in thought or purpose. They are allowed to have no opinion of their own which might be set up as a rule of conduct for their government. But the Congress that concludes this war will feel the full strength of the tides that now run in the hearts and consciousness of free men everywhere. Its conclusion will run with those tides."

The President added that the same baneful influences which prevented the German people from having an opinion of their own, which duet for their rulers, had unfortunately might set up as a state of connately pervaded the Russians with disastrous results at the present moment.

RECOMMENDS DECLARATION AGAINST GERMANY'S ALLIES.

President Wilson reiterated the declaration made in January, that all nations of the world were entitled to free, assured and unmolested access to the pathways upon the sea.

President Wilson earnestly recommended Congress to declare war against Austria-Hungary. This was the logical course and followed the wishes of the American people. Austria-Hungary was merely a vassal of Germany. It was true the same logic would lead to a declaration of war against Turkey and Bulgaria, for they also were tools of Germany; but they did not stand in the direct path of the United States action. "We shall go wherever the necessities of the war carry us, but we should only go where immediate and practical considerations lead us."

FURTHER WAR LEGISLATIONS.

Turning to legislation, President Wilson said that the laws regarding alien enemies must be extended, and also special control must be established over the arrivals and departures of persons to and from the United States. The legislative programme includes the making of women alien enemies subject to the same restraint as men, and also, to frustrate the idea of alien enemies being kept free, in the Government detention camps—by confining offenders in penitentiaries and similar institutions where they would be made to work, like other criminals. Profiteering, still existing to a large extent, must be grappled with by limiting prices. Other legislation would be formulated for the attention of Congress which "in the present session should concentrate its whole attention and energy on a vigorous, rapid and successful prosecution of the great task of winning the war."

SETTLEMENT MUST BE "JUST AND HOLY."

President Wilson in a striking peroration scathingly condemned the purposes of the Central Powers, "whose sinister secret diplomacy sought to take our very territory away from us and to disrupt the union of the States." He again eloquently stated the ideals of the Allies with whom "the cause being just and holy, the settlement must be of a like motive and quality," and concluded by saying:—"The supreme moment of history has come. The eyes of the people have been opened and they see. The hand of God is laid upon the nations. He will show them favour, I devoutly believe, only if they rise to the clear heights of His own justice and mercy."

Congress enthusiastically and wildly cheered President Wilson's speech, especially his recommendation for war against Austria and that there must be impartial justice in the final settlement. His recommendations for rigorous measures against aliens were also loudly applauded.

REASON FOR THE DECLARATION AGAINST AUSTRIA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.

The Associated Press Washington Correspondent learns that in a conversation with the Congressional leader, before leaving the Capitol on Tuesday, President Wilson said that the declaration of war against Austria was largely due to the fact that it might be necessary at any time to have American soldiers sent to aid Italy.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

BRITISH IN ASSIGNED POSITIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Reuter's Correspondent at Italian Headquarters, telegraphing on Dec. 3, states that some of the British contingents by marching 22 miles daily, have succeeded in catching up with those preceding them.

The British have now reached their assigned positions and have begun entrenching.

FIRST BRITISH ENCOUNTER.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

A correspondent at Italian Headquarters states that the first successful encounter of the British with the Germans was an air fight.

Four British aeroplanes crossed the Piave and were attacked by five "Albatross" machines. One of the latter was destroyed and two were driven down. Seven more German machines came up and one was drived down. The British machines returned safely.

PASSENGER STEAMER TORPEDOED.

SUBMARINES SHELLS WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN BOATS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The Elder Dempster's steamer *Apapa* has been torpedoed and sunk. It is reported that eighty of the passengers and crew perished, while one hundred and twenty persons were saved. It is rumoured that the submarine fired on the women and children in the boats.

LATER.

The *Apapa* was bound for Liverpool from Africa and had 160 passengers on board. She was twice torpedoed in full moonlight. The women and children were put first in the boats and it is stated that there were many casualties due to the submarine shelling the boats. The dead include eleven women.

PRISONERS IN BRITISH HANDS.

OVER 180,000.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson stated that up to Nov. 26, we have taken 180,951 prisoners on all fronts, of whom 127,102 are Germans, 2,682 Austrians and Bulgarians, 4,305 Turks and 8,652 native soldiers and followers.

AN AMERICAN BLACK LIST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.

The War Trade Board had promulgated a black list of 1,600 firms, in 20 of the Central and South American States, with which American merchants are specifically forbidden to trade, except under special license.

The list is officially styled "The Enemy Trading List" and constitutes the first section of a record which will eventually include the names of firms in most countries of the world, including the United States itself. The Latin American centres are dealt with first because a large number of German firms there are actively aiding Germany's cause.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE EAST AFRICAN CONQUEST.

WAR CABINET CONGRATULATES FORCES.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

The War Cabinet has sent a message to the Commander-in-Chief of the East African Forces, congratulating him on the successes, and adding: "The determination, and endurance of the troops in overcoming the resistance of a determined enemy, under the difficulties of a tropical and roadless country, have been beyond praise."

THE WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY ATTACK FRUSTRATED.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Our artillery broke up concentrations east of Gouzeaucourt and in the neighbourhood of Moeuvres before an attack could develop.

The enemy's artillery is active in the neighbourhood of La Vacquerie.

There is considerable hostile artillery firing north of Armentieres, south-east of Ypres and in the Passchendaele sector.

INFLUENCE OF THE CINEMA.

COMMISSIONERS' FAVOURABLE REPORT.

The Cinema Commission of Inquiry, set up by the National Council of Public Morals, which heard evidence at a number of sittings in the first half of the year, has reported; and its report is distinguished by sound common sense. It is unanimous, the representatives of the industry agreeing with social reformers and ministers of religion that certain precautions are needed.

The picture palace is found, however, to be not an evil but a good. "The mass of testimony offered in its favour," write the Commissioners, "has convinced us of the value of the picture house as a cheap amusement for the masses, for parents as well as children, as an influence in decreasing hooliganism, and as a counter-attraction to the public-house." In England alone 1,067,000,000 separate attendances have been recorded in a year at the picture house, and in the average year 5,000 new subjects are illustrated. Many of our people, especially the young, have learn all they know about the war and about the world events of the past from the film; and it requires very little imagination to appreciate the enormous influence of these places of amusement upon the community.

The Commissioners find that indecent behaviour in the darkened buildings has been greatly exaggerated, and that the connection between the cinema and imitative juvenile crime is limited and is not a necessary connection. But "apart from sex and crime films, an injurious effect is produced on young minds by the excessive sensationalism and frightfulness of some of the films shown and the wrong ideas of life and conduct often suggested." Improvement in the films is a matter of national importance, and it is practicable.

A STATE CENSOR ADVOCATED.

The Commissioners recommend a State censorship:—"For its own protection as well as for the ensuring of its continued suitability to the nation, the cinema should have the support and the official countenance of the State. We want to place it in a position of real dignity. We wish it to be one of the assets of our national entertainment and recreation." They would have the State censor assisted by an advisory council representative of public interests. There are minor recommendations as to special exhibitions for children and the illumination of the theatres. The representatives of the industry on the Commission reserve the right to oppose any form of State censorship which does not give safeguards against its own disadvantages and dangers.

The members of the Commission were:—The Bishop of Birmingham (chairman), Sir Edward W. Brabrook, Monsignor Canon W. F. Brown, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., Mr. C. W. Crook (National Union of Teachers), Sir W. F. Barrett, Principal Alfred Garvie, Rabbi Professor H. Gollancz, Dr. C. W. Kimmins, Mr. W. Gavazzi King, Sir John Kirk, Mr. Sidney Lamert, Rev. F. B. Meyer, Mr. A. E. Newlould, Dr. Saleeby, Dr. Mary Scharlieb, Rev. Carey Bonner, Mrs. Burgwin, and Rev. James Marchant. Their volume of 400 pages shows that the Commissioners have done a most valuable piece of public work.

Mr. Harry Lauder has joined the Y.M.C.A. in America as a lecturer, and will speak in the cities and the soldier's camps.

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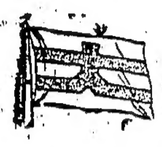

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After only one day of freedom, and one night of enjoyment at a London theatre, Lieutenant Paul Schoumann, a German officer who had escaped from the Chippenham war prisoners' camp, was cleverly caught recently in the West-end. As soon as the police were informed that a suspect had taken a room at a private hotel they were able from the brief description supplied to identify the man for whom Scotland Yard had issued a "hue and cry."

The chief credit of the arrest lies with the proprietor of the hotel, and in a less degree to the vigilance of a distinguished British staff officer who was staying there, and who had already been attracted by the suspicious appearance and clothing of the new-comer, as well as by his pronounced German accent.

The escaped officer arrived in London rather late in the evening of a Monday and having purchased a complete outfit of new boots and clothing as well as a small kit-bag, he took rooms at an hotel in the West-end, where he stayed the night leaving after lunch next day.

"HIGH STREET, 145."

On Tuesday, about 4 o'clock, as the proprietor told a "Daily Chronicle" representative, he went to the Bellomo Hotel in Jermyn-street. "I at once noticed," said the proprietor, "that although he described himself as a British subject, his accent was distinctly that of an educated German. He signed the register as

Thomas Mann,
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And the placing of the number beyond the name of the street [a German custom] made me more than ever suspicious.

"In the evening, after dinner, he went to the New Theatre, to see 'Trelawny of the "Wells",' and on his return went to bed almost immediately.

"At breakfast next morning he appeared somewhat anxious, and I communicated my suspicions to a distinguished staff officer who was staying here, and found that he also had noticed the man's clothes were apparently ready-made, that he had a distinct German accent, and that he had the appearance of an officer.

"Another thing that confirmed my suspicions was the fact that his handwriting was distinctly German, and I felt the case was one in which the police ought to be notified.

THE ARREST.

"When they were about to arrive I spoke to the man, and told him that his room had been engaged for the night. Sergeant Cole, of Vine-street, came along when I had stated my suspicions, and one of the waiters ran up, saying 'That man is a Boche,' pointing to the lieutenant. Sergeant Cole and I then spoke to him, and I said: 'You are not British.'

"He replied, 'No, I am a Swiss.'

"I said: 'You are a German officer; own up. It is the fortune of war.'

"He smiled faintly, although he went white, and nodded assent. Then he told me how he got away.

"He said he had escaped from Chippenham camp by scrambling through the barbed-wire, and had then thrown off and hidden his uniform and dressed himself in a suit he had fashioned out of some army blankets.

"Next he walked into Chippenham and bought a mackintosh, then took train to London, where he arrived unquestioned.

"When he was going away with Sergeant Cole I said, 'I hope when you get back to Germany you will tell your people how well we treat German prisoners in England,' and he smilingly answered, 'Very well, I will!'

It is stated that the fugitive officer had about £20 in his possession.

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It seems that an Irishman had found the packet of gems among a quantity of fish he had hauled up in his net, and had thus made the most valuable catch of his life. Without telling anyone of his lucky find he sent the diamonds to London as an ordinary postal packet, where inquiries were made and their ownership traced.

The honesty of the fisherman has been rewarded by a gift of some hundreds of pounds.

Which is the aptest platform story used by politicians? The M.P. and the journalist were discussing this query, and the journalist "plumped" for the following: A Labour leader was speaking on the advantages of trade unionism, and said that he had visited an asylum lately. "What an awful thing it would be," he said to the asylum doctor, "if all these lunatics combined to attack you!" "Fortunately," replied the doctor, "lunatics never combine with one another to do anything." And the Labour leader applied the moral.

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Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

20th Nov. to 7th December :—
E. L. Manning nightly at Belchers and Lyeemun. Parades as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.
Engine drivers at 3.15 p.m.
Electricians at 3.30 p.m.

OFFICERS NEXT FOR DUTY.

Belchers, Captain W. Russell.
Lyeemun, 2nd Lieut. Hill.
Stonecutters, Lieut. Stevenson.

PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.

Classes for higher ratings at Belchers at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, under Staff Sergts. Ovenden and Parsons, R. E. Corporal Day and 2nd Corporal Norris, H. K. D. C.

Detail of Belchers Reliefs for December, 1917, is posted at Headquarters.

Detail of duties at Lyeemun from 1st to 16th Dec. is posted at Headquarters.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

CAMP.

The Company will go into Camp on 29th December at Lo Wu.

This is compulsory. All members must attend.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY, 8th December :—
No. 1 and 4 Sections at Victoria School Ground.
No. 2 and 3 Sections at Yaumati School Ground.
Kick off 2.30 p.m. sharp.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

MUSKETRY COURSE 1917-18.

Part I will be fired on Sunday, December 9th, by the following details :—

Leave Blake Pier 9 a.m.—Whole of No. 1 Section; also men of No. 2 Section as detailed by Commander. Register keepers to be warned by Insp. Un.

Leave Blake Pier 1.30 p.m.—Men of Nos. 2 and 3 Sections as detailed by Commanders. Registers keepers to be detailed by Inspector Alves.

The above details not in possession of rifles must draw same at Headquarters Club or at the Armoury between 5.30 and 6 p.m. on Friday, December 7th.

Attention is called to Departmental Order 8.5 in Musketry Handbook.

BAND AND ORCHESTRA.

Band Practices—Wednesday, December 12th, Tuesday, December 18th, Friday, December 21st and Friday, December 28th.

Orchestra Practice—Monday December 17th.

Clarionet Class—Tuesday, December 11th, Wednesday, December 19th and Thursday, December 27th.

The Band will attend at the Theatre Royal at 8.45 p.m. on Monday, December 10th.

F. C. JENKIN, D.S.P. (R.).

ROYAL OBSERVATORY

HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 6, 1917.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.
Wladivostock	8 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mororui	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishijima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	6 a.	30.13	38	63	W	4	o
Hankow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	"	30.31	36	100	WSW	1	b
Gutzlaff	"	30.28	42	92	NW	4	o
Sharp Pk.	"	30.15	56	87	N	1	o
Amoy	"	30.11	58	76	E	1	o
Swatow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoku	5 a.	30.14	61	96	E	2	o
Taichu	"	30.10	57	—	N	2	b
Tainan	"	30.08	57	—	NNW	4	b
Koshun	"	30.02	63	—	NNE	2	b
Pescadores	"	30.12	63	—	N	7	r
Canton	6 a.	—	—	—	—	0	o
Hongkong	"	31.18	59	59	—	0	o
Gap Rock	"	30.18	—	—	NNE	3	o
Macao	"	30.15	55	68	NNW	4	o
Wuchow	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	30.19	59	85	NNE	6	r
Tourane	"	30.02	78	—	ENE	4	o
C. St. James	"	29.84	72	—	NNE	4	o
Aparri	6 a.	29.93	72	96	NE	4	r
Dagupan	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	"	29.84	75	91	NE	2	o
Legaspi	"	29.78	79	83	NNE	4	o
Tacloban	"	29.75	77	92	WSW	2	o
Iloilo	"	29.76	75	92	E	4	o
Surigao	"	29.71	75	96	E	1	o
Guam	4.2 p.	29.89	76	—	NE	1	o
Labuan	6 a.	29.75	77	93	SW	6	o

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For	Week-Days	Sundays & Holidays
Tai O	5.00 P.M.	—
Tai Po	10.00 A.M.	9.30 A.M.
Cheung Chow	7.30 A.M. & 3 P.M.	—
Shataukok, Shatin and Sheungshui	4.00 P.M.	—
Aberdeen, Antau Ping Shan, Sai Kung, Santin, Stanley	4.30 P.M.	—
Canton, Samsui and Wuchow	7.30 A.M. Regis. 5 P.M. Letters 6 P.M.	5.00 P.M.
Macao	7.15 A.M. 1.30 P.M.	9.00 A.M.
Kongmoon	6.00 P.M. Except Saturdays	5.00 P.M.
Namtau and Saumei	5.00 P.M.	5.00 P.M.
Shamchun	10.00 A.M. 4.00 P.M.	9.00 A.M.

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Macao	7.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M.	7.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M.
Canton	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.
Tai Ping Tung	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Shek Ki	9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Kongmoon	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
Kumchuk	6.00 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
Kaukong	6.00 P.M. Except Saturdays.	6.00 P.M.

In the case of Mails closing before 8 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

Temperature.

Hongkong, December 6, 1917.

BAROMETER	9 A.M.	30.15
Do.	1 P.M.	30.12
Do.	4 P.M.	30.07
THERMOMETER.	9 A.M.	64
Do.	1 P.M.	64
Do.	4 P.M.	64
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	57
Do. (Wet bulb)	1 P.M.	57
Do. (Wet bulb)	4 P.M.	57
Do. Maximum		—
Do. Minimum (over night)		—

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN HONGKONG.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of Dec. 1917 :—

Date.	Ends.	Begins.
Dec. 6th,	6.37 a.m.	5.50 p.m.
" 7th,	6.39 "	5.50 "
" 8th,	6.40 "	5.50 "
" 9th,	6.40 "	5.50 "
" 10th,	6.41 "	5.51 "
" 11th,	6.41 "	5.51 "
" 12th,	6.41 "	5.51 "
" 13th,	6.42 "	5.52 "
" 14th,	6.42 "	5.52 "
" 15th,	6.43 "	5.53 "
" 16th,	6.43 "	5.53 "
" 17th,	6.43 "	5.53 "
" 18th,	6.44 "	5.54 "
" 19th,	6.44 "	5.54 "
" 20th,	6.45 "	5.55 "
" 21st,	6.45 "	5.55 "
" 22nd,	6.46 "	5.56 "
" 23rd,	6.46 "	5.56 "
" 24th,	6.47 "	5.57 "
" 25th,	6.48 "	5.58 "
" 26th,	6.48 "	5.58 "
" 27th,	6.48 "	5.58 "
" 28th,	6.49 "	5.59 "
" 29th,	6.49 "	5.59 "
" 30th,	6.50 "	6.00 "
" 31st,	6.50 "	6.00 "

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the soundings in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 7th to 13th, 1917.

Day of Week	Date	Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Kowloon Mean Time	Height
		High Water		Low Water	
Fri.	7	m 2 [illegible]	5.6	m 9 15	2.6
		5 16 a	5.2	11 20 a	4.5
Sat.	8	m 4 14	5.1	m 10 31	2.8
		5 35 a	5.6	11 40 a	4.0
Sun	9	m 4 56	4.7	m 11 12	3.0
		6 57 a	6.0		
Mon.	10	m 5 [illegible]	4.4	m [illegible]	3.4
		6 17 a	6.0	m 11 [illegible]	3.2
Tues	11	m 7 [illegible]	4.4	m 1 20	2.7
		6 12 a	7.0	m 11 [illegible]	3.2
Wed.	12	m [illegible]	4.3	m [illegible]	2.1
		7 25 a	7.6	6 53 a	3.3
Thur.	13	m 8 [illegible]	4.3	[illegible]	2.6
		7 57 a	8.0	1.16 a	3.4

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WEATHER REPORT.

December 6d. 11h. 58m.—No returns from Japan and Wladivostock. Pressure has increased slightly along the south coast of China and moderately in the vicinity of Haiphong slight to moderate decreases are general elsewhere. The anticyclone has further decreased in intensity and appears to have spread southwards.

Fresh monsoon will prevail along the China Coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 30.34 inches, against an average of 82.16 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 7th December :—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 6, 1917.

On London—	
Bank Wire	2/11
On demand	2/11
31 days' sight	2/11
4 months' sight	2/11
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/1
Documentary, 4 months' sight	2/-½
On Paris—	
On demand	407½
Credits, 4 months' sight	422
On New York—	
On demand	70½
Credits, 60 days sight	—
On Bombay—	
Wire	—
On demand	nom.
On Calcutta—	
Wire	—
On demand	nom.
On Singapore—	
On demand	125
On Manila—	
On demand	140
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	135½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	44.20
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$6.70 n.
Silver (per oz.)	41 d.
Bar Silver in Hongkong	2½ % p. nom.
Chinese Copper Cash	½ pm.
Chinese Copper Cash	½ pm.
Rate of Native Interest	7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	1½ disc.
Chinese Sub. Coin	—

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.

Quarter hour,	10 cents
Half hour,	20 "
One hour,	25 "
Three hours,	50 "
Six hours,	70 "
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.),	$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour,	0.60 cents.
Three hours,	$1.00
Six hours,	1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.),	2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

	With 2 Bearers	*With 4 Bearers.*
Quarter hour,	$0.15	$0.30
Half hour,	0.20	0.40
One hour,	0.30	0.60
Two hours,	0.50	0.80
Three hours,	0.70	1.00
Six hours,	1.00	1.50
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	1.50	2.80

RICKSHAS.

I.—In the Island of Hongkong engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes,	5 cents.
Quarter hour,	10 "
Half hour,	15 "
One hour,	20 "
Every Subsequent hour,	20 "

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour,	5 cents.
Half hour,	15 "
Hour,	20 "
Every subsequent hour,	10 "

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hirer causes the journey to take longer than :—

To 4th mile—	
single	75 cents—1 hour.
return	$1.00—2 hours.
Beyond 4th to 6th mile—	
single	$1.20—2 hours.
return	$1.50—4 "
Beyond 6th to 9th mile—	
single	$1.75—2½ "
return	$2.00—5 "
Beyond 9th to 11th mile—	
single	$2.00—3 "
return	$2.50—7 "

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

I

	Not exceeding per passenger.
From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home	04 cents.
From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital	04 "
From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower	04 "
From Clock Tower to Race Course	10 "
From Clock Tower to Bay View House	12 "
From Wanchai Market to Bay View House	06 "
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay	06 "

II.—In the City of Victoria

	Not exceeding per passenger
Quarter hour,	10 cents.
Half hour,	10 "
One hour,	20 "
Two hours,	35 "
Three "	50 "
Four "	60 "
Five "	70 "
Six "	75 "
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	$1.25

III.—Beyond Victoria.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
One hour,	25 cents.
Two hours,	45 "
Three "	60 "
Four "	75 "
Five "	85 "
Six "	90 "
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	$1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon.

	Not exceeding per passenger.
Quarter hour,	$ .40
Half hour,	.60
One hour,	.80
Two hours,	1.40
Three "	2.00
Four "	2.40
Five "	2.50
Six "	3.00
One day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5.00

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 2 p.m.	On date at 8 a.m.	On date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.09	30.18	30.14
Temperature	69	59	63
Humidity	64	59	38
Direction of Wind	E	CALM	N
Force	2	0	3
Weather	b	c	c
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest and Lowest Temperature on the 5th :—
Lowest open air Temperature on the 5th :—

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 6, 1917.

SHARE REPORT.

DECEMBER 6TH, 1917.

Stock and paid up Value.	Options 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Approximate return based on last year's div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & S'hai $125	$610 s. 620 sa.	Interim of £3-3/- a/c 1917	6 p.c.
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Cantons $50	$310 s.	$7 final making $25 a/c 1915 and Interim of $18 a/c 1916	
North Chinas £5	T. 115 b.	Int. div. of 15 % = 15/- at 3/6 5/16, $4.25 per share a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
Unions $100	$750 sa.	Final of $20 and bonus of $10 a/c 1915 and Interim of $30 a/c 1916	6½ p.c.
Yangtzes $60	$190 b. ex. 73	$15 making $21 for 1915 and special of $3 on account 1916	7½ p.c.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fires $25	$125 b. & sa.	$7 and bonus $2 for 1915	11 p.c.
Hongkong Fires $50	$310	$27 for 1915	7 p.c.
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships $50	$80 s.	Final of $5 a/c 1916-1917	8½ p.c.
Steamboats $15	$18 b. 18½ s.	$1.25 for 1916	19½ p.c.
Indo-Chinas— (Preferred) £5	$34 b.	Final of 3/- a/c 1916	6½ p.c.
(Deferred) £25	$142 b. 144 s.	Final of 40/- a/c 1916	6 p.c.
"Shell" Transports £1	11/6 b. 115/- s.	5/- final making 7/- a/c 1916 free of income tax Coupon 28	19 p.c.
"Star Ferry" $10	$38½	$1.80 div. and 30 cents to bonus for year ending 30-4-17	5½ p.c.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugars $100	$88 b	$12 for 1916	7½ p.c.
Malabon Sugars P. 30	$35 b.	P. 5 for 1916	14½ p.c.
		int. div. of 1/- free of income tax, making 10% a/c 1916-1917 coupon No. 9	15½ p.c.
MINING.			
Kaiulas £1	39/- s.	Tls. 1 for 1916	7 p.c.
Kingsmills dis. £10	T. 15		8½ p.c.
Rubies £1	$2.25		—
Tronoh Mines £1	26/-	1/- interim making 4/- a/c 1916	—
Ural Caspians £1	30/-		15 p.c.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Kowloon Wharves $50	$96 "	8 % for 1916 & bonus $2	16 p.c.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks $	$124 s.	Interim of $3½ a/c 1917	9½ p.c.
Shanghai Docks T. 10	T. 72 b.	Tls. 9 for year ending 30-4-17	12 p.c.
HOTELS LANDS AND BUILDINGS.			
Hongkong Hotels $5	$90 b.	$3 a/c half year ended 30-6-17	6½ p.c.
Central Estates $10	$90 b.	$7 a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
Hongkong Lands $10	$38	Interim of $4½ a/c 1917	7½ p.c.
Humphreys Estates $ 10	$5.75	50 cents for 1915	8½ p.c.
Kowloon Lands $ 30	$30	$2 for 1916	6½ p.c.
West Points $ 50	$79½ b.	Interim of $3 a/c 1917	7½ p.c.
Shanghai Lands T. 50	T. 73 s.	6 % final making 12 % a/c 1916	7½ p.c.
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewos T. 50	T. 172½ s.	Tls. 5 for year ending 31-10-16	7½ p.c.
Shanghai Cottons T. 50	T. 115½ b.	Tls. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-6-16	5 p.c.
Kung Yik T. 10	T. 15.50 s.	Tls. 0.90 for 1916	6½ p.c.
Yangtzepoos T. 50	T. 6.65 s.		—
Orientals	T. 40 s.		—
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneos 12	$34½ b.	60 cts. for 1916	9½ p.c.
Light & Powers $ 5	$3.60 b.	p.c. for year ending 28-2-06	—
China-Providents $ 10	$7.50 b.	cents for 1916	9½ p.c.
Dairy Farms $ 6	$25 b.	$2 for year ending 31-7-17	13 p.c.
Green Islands $ 7½	$ 7.60 sa.	80 cents for 1916	11 p.c.
Hongkong Electrics $ 10	$48 b.	$2½ a/c 1916/17 Bonus 75 cents	6½ p.c.
Hongkong Ices $ 25	$150	$2 interim a/c 1917	7½ p.c.
Hongkong Ropes $ 10	$23½ s. & sa.	$1 interim a/c 1917	10 p.c.
Hongkong Tramways	$4.60 s. 6½ sa.	Interim of 9 % a/c 1917	9½ p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry	$10	$1 a/c year 31-5-17	1½ p.c.
Peak Tramways $ 10	$3½ s.		
do. (new) $ 100	cents s.	7 % for 1916/1917	7½ p.c.
Steam Laundry $	$3 b.	35 cents for year 31-5-17	11½ p.c.
Union Waterboats $	$12 b.	2½ % for 1916	10 p.c.
Watsons	$16 $5.50 b.	10 cents for 1916	10 p.c.
William Powell $7	$6½ s.	60 cents for 1916/1917	—

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